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1 AUG 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Inspector General's Survey of the Covert
Action Staff

1. This memorandum contains a request for DCI action. Such request is summarized in paragraph 5.

2. Your memorandum of 19 April 1961 requested a report within 90 days on action taken on the recommendations made in the Inspector General's Survey of the Covert Action Staff.

3. The survey report contains 50 basic recommendations. For each of these items the attached statement quotes the Inspector General's recommendation (referring to it by page number), gives the DD/P proposal for DCI action, and states the reason for the proposal.

4. The comments of the Clandestine Services on this report have been confined to the recommendations themselves, primarily to the eighteen with which we do not concur at this time. The net result of accepting these recommendations would be to divest the CA Staff of all responsibility for operations and restrict it to generally accepted staff functions. As you know, I am inclined to agree with this principle and in the past have given considerable attention to ways and means of applying it to the Clandestine Services. Because of the pressure of other matters I have not reached any acceptable conclusions nor made any final decisions in this matter. I propose to resume my consideration without delay, and expect that, in the case of the CA Staff, the ultimate resolution of the significant problems involved would lead to substantially the same results which the Inspector General is, in fact, recommending. Meanwhile, I should prefer not to rearrange the responsibilities of any of the CS staffs piecemeal, but to accomplish the necessary corrections at a later date by requiring conformance with the general organizational policies at which I arrive.

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5. Summary of DCI action requested on Inspector General's 50 specific recommendations:

- a. Approval of 31 items.
- b. Approval of 1 item with modification.
- c. Disapproval of 18 items.

(Signed) Richard M. Bissell, Jr.

RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.
Deputy Director
(Plans)

Attachments
1 through 50 inclusive

The recommendations contained in the Inspector General's Survey Report on the CA Staff are approved as proposed in the attachments to this memorandum except as modifications and limitations are noted herein.

SIGNED

Director of Central Intelligence

26 SEP 1961

Date

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